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Attached hereto is the work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and its Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed pursuant to the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004), 1624 (2005), 1805 (2008) and 1963 (2010).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, even-handedness and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on monitoring and promoting the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States, including measures aimed at facilitating technical assistance. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States. The Committee will also continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Committee welcomes the support it receives from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the assistance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

The Committee would appreciate it if the present letter, together with its annex, were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2013

I. Introduction

1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee is required to ensure the full implementation by Member States of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) in accordance with the provisions of the resolution. The Committee is further directed to include in its dialogue with Member States their efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1624 (2005).

2. Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and all subsequent relevant Security Council resolutions, presidential statements and reports of the Committee constitute the guidance for the work of the Committee and of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

II. Work programme

3. The Committee will continue to pursue a strategic and transparent approach to its work and seek to raise the visibility of its work within the broader United Nations and counter-terrorism community. In doing so, the Committee, acting in close consultation with the Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will continue to streamline its working methods, as appropriate, to enable it to devote more time to achieving the priority objectives set out below.

A. Monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

4. The Committee and the Executive Directorate will collaborate actively with Member States to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

5. The Committee will complete the replacement of the preliminary implementation assessment by the detailed implementation survey and the overview of implementation assessment. The Committee looks forward to the introduction by the Executive Directorate of the detailed implementation survey and the overview of implementation assessment and to briefing Member States on these new diagnostic tools, which are intended to enhance the Committee's work to identify challenges faced by Member States and facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance in that regard.

6. The Committee will continue its discussion of thematic and regional issues proposed by the Chair in accordance with proposals of the members of the Committee, the Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, and will also consider any additional proposals aimed at facilitating implementation of its priority recommendations to Member States.

7. Acting in close cooperation with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and in accordance with its mandate, the Committee will pay special attention to States concerning which information on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) is lacking and to discuss how best to enhance its dialogue with those States.

8. The Committee will continue to consider additional ways to address the cases of States whose implementation efforts do not meet the requirements of resolution 1373 (2001), with a view to strengthening their cooperation and dialogue with the Committee.

9. The Committee will monitor the preparations for visits to be conducted during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013. It will also take steps to ensure that the visits have the effect of enhancing States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), assess the results of those visits, and consider appropriate follow-up actions. The Committee will pay special attention to ensuring the streamlining and efficiency of the post-visit follow-up work of the Executive Directorate, in accordance with the recommendations submitted by the Executive Directorate to, and approved by, the Committee in 2012. The Committee will take initial stock of the revised procedures for post-visit follow-up work at the end of 2013 (the conclusion of the current country-visit cycle).

10. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will organize a special meeting, open to the wider United Nations membership, and other special events, focusing on key aspects of the Committee's mandate.

11. On the basis of information provided by the Executive Directorate, the Committee will submit to the Security Council a report on the Executive Directorate's work, for consideration by the Council as part of its comprehensive review of the Executive Directorate. In accordance with Security Council resolution 1963 (2010), the Committee will submit the report to the Council prior to the expiration of the Executive Directorate's mandate on 31 December 2013.

12. Pursuant to resolution 1963 (2010), the Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will work to identify available practices, elements and good standards that might help Member States to develop their respective comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies.

13. In order to increase the transparency of the Committee's work, the Chair will continue, as appropriate, to hold periodic informal briefings for Member States. In addition, the Chair will request the Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with relevant members of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic and regional aspects of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

14. The Committee will continue to call for the closest possible cooperation among the expert groups of the three Security Council Committees pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on information-sharing and visits, and looks forward to receiving information from the Executive Directorate on the implementation of common strategies.

B. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

15. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the strengthening of the role of the Executive Directorate in facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States for the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). In this context, the Committee will continue to seek opportunities to match current and potential donors/providers with recipients in order to enhance the dialogue between the donor community and recipient States.

16. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will continue its close cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations aimed at enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolution 1373 (2001) and at facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

17. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate and in close cooperation, as appropriate, with the support office of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and other relevant entities, as well as with relevant bilateral and regional assistance providers, will continue to assess Member States' technical assistance needs with a view to exploring ways to facilitate the delivery of appropriate technical assistance.

C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

18. In accordance with resolution 1963 (2010), the Committee will continue to encourage the Executive Directorate to focus increased attention on Member States' implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) and to work with States to develop strategies aimed at preventing terrorist acts and countering incitement of terrorist acts motivated by extremism and intolerance, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including human rights law, humanitarian law and refugee law.

19. The Committee will continue to encourage States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so. The Committee will also guide and support the Executive Directorate in its efforts to achieve full implementation of its plan of action for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005), approved by the Committee in 2011.

20. On the basis of reports received from States and information gathered during its visits, the Committee will continue to explore the States' need for technical assistance in implementing resolution 1624 (2005) and facilitate the provision of such assistance, as appropriate.

D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

21. On the basis of the Executive Directorate's participation in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Committee will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The Executive Directorate will brief the Committee, on a regular basis, on its activities within the framework of the Task Force, and continue its discussions on issues relating to the implementation of the Strategy.

III. Other matters

22. The Committee, acting in close consultation with the Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will consider possible ways of continuing to streamline its working methods, and continue its cooperation and dialogue with relevant international and regional organizations on its counter-terrorism endeavours.

Appendix

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for 2013

I. Introduction

1. The work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124, annex) and takes into account the work programme of the Committee for the same period, as well as directions provided to it by the Security Council in its resolution 1963 (2010).

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee to achieve its objectives in the areas defined in the Committee's work programme; to report regularly to the Committee on its work, including in its semi-annual report; and to respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

II. Monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

A. Monitoring and promoting implementation

3. In order to further enhance monitoring of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) by the Member States the Executive Directorate will introduce the detailed implementation survey and the overview of implementation assessment, thereby completing the replacement of the preliminary implementation assessments by the new instruments. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in briefing Member States on these new diagnostic tools, which are intended to enhance the Committee's work to identify challenges faced by Member States and facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance in that regard.

4. The Executive Directorate will also continue its constructive dialogue with Member States, through meetings held at United Nations Headquarters, visits, workshops and videoconferences with officials in the relevant capitals, in order to inform the Committee about Member States' implementation of the relevant counter-terrorism resolutions, as reflected in their responses to the detailed implementation survey and the overview of implementation assessment, provide information about new counter-terrorism measures taken and updates on the facilitation of technical assistance delivery, and indicate further needs in this area.

5. Acting in close cooperation with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, and on behalf of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will prepare and conduct visits to up to 14 Member States, with their consent, as approved by the Committee. It will also continue to update the Committee on a regular basis regarding follow-up to its previous visits to Member States. Furthermore, the Executive Directorate will, at the end of 2013, assist the Committee in taking initial stock of the revised procedures for post-visit follow-up work.

6. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in the organization of a special meeting of the Committee open to the wider United Nations membership, and other special events, focusing on key aspects of the Committee's mandate.

7. The Executive Directorate will submit a report, for the consideration of the Committee, as part of the comprehensive review of its work by the Security Council prior to the expiration of the mandate of the Executive Directorate on 31 December 2013 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1963 (2010).

8. The Executive Directorate will contribute to the discussions on thematic and regional issues of relevance to the Committee's work by making presentations to the Committee on issues related to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 1963 (2010). The Executive Directorate will also continue to hold thematic and regional briefings for the wider United Nations membership, in accordance with the request of the Committee.

B. Enhancing cooperation towards a better implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

9. The Executive Directorate will further enhance its cooperation with the relevant United Nations bodies, including the Monitoring Team of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Expert Group of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as well as with various international, regional and subregional organizations, including in the context of the Committee's visits to States. In this regard, the Executive Directorate will continue to promote the common strategy for the submission of responses by States, jointly developed with the Monitoring Team and the Expert Group, and will continue to share information about relevant technical assistance needs.

10. The Executive Directorate, acting together with donors and other relevant partner organizations, will intensify its regional and subregional approaches to the pursuit of initiatives already launched or planned in the areas of prevention of abuse of the non-profit sector to finance terrorism; illicit cross-border movement of cash and other bearer negotiable instruments; freezing of terrorist assets; enhancement of the counter-terrorism capacities of police officers, prosecutors and judges; effective border control and management; and promoting cooperation among relevant subregional entities.

11. Under the guidance of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will participate actively in and support all relevant activities undertaken within the framework of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including through active involvement in the Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism initiative of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and in several working groups of the Task Force.

III. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

12. The Executive Directorate will continue to strengthen its role in facilitating the delivery of technical assistance for implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) aimed at increasing the capacities of Member States and regions in the fight against terrorism by addressing their counter-terrorism needs, in close cooperation with the

Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, other United Nations bodies, and bilateral and multilateral assistance providers. The Executive Directorate will also continue to explore opportunities to engage new counter-terrorism entities, such as the Task Force, the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre and the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum, in addressing those needs, taking into account the increased focus on implementation and prevention issues, and the continuing need to take a focused and regional approach. The Executive Directorate will continue to match identified priority needs with the programmes of current and potential donors/providers in order to enhance Member States' capacities to counter terrorism and strengthen the dialogue between the donor community and recipient States.

13. In its dialogue with Member States, the Executive Directorate, acting in close cooperation with the Task Force, will continue to focus increased attention on a number of issues that are common to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 1963 (2010) and the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including in areas relating to terrorist financing, border security, human rights, countering incitement of terrorist acts motivated by extremism and intolerance, and assisting Member States, upon their request, to develop national and regional counter-terrorism strategies.

14. The Executive Directorate will strengthen its cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations with a view to enhancing States' capacities to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and to facilitate the provision of technical assistance.

IV. Human rights and the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)

15. In accordance with the Committee's policy guidance on human rights and pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 1963 (2010), the Executive Directorate will further develop its activities in the areas of human rights and the rule of law with respect to the implementation by States of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). Those activities will include ensuring that relevant information is included in the overview of implementation assessment and the detailed implementation survey prepared for each State; taking account of relevant issues in the planning and conduct of country visits; integrating relevant information into visit reports; and promoting in all activities of the Executive Directorate, including facilitation of technical assistance, a consistent and even-handed approach to human rights issues relevant to resolution 1373 (2001) and resolution 1624 (2005). The Executive Directorate will work to strengthen its engagement with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, and other human rights entities, as appropriate. It will also strengthen its analytical framework through continued participation in the Working Group on Protecting Human Rights while Countering Terrorism of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

V. Promoting the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

16. The Executive Directorate will continue to include the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with States and will encourage those States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of the resolution to do so. The Executive Directorate will continue to introduce thematic discussions on resolution 1624 (2005) at Committee meetings, as appropriate, including on possible approaches to promoting more effective implementation of the resolution and to facilitating technical assistance delivery. The Executive Directorate's work on resolution 1624 (2005) will be conducted in accordance with the Committee's guidance and will, in particular, reflect elements and objectives set out in resolution 1963 (2010). The Executive Directorate will continue to conduct, and provide updates on, the various activities identified in the plan of action for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in accordance with resolution 1963 (2010).

VI. Administration and Information Office of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

17. The Executive Directorate will continue to promote the Committee's communications strategy in order to enhance understanding of the work of the United Nations, the Committee and the Executive Directorate in the field of counter-terrorism. This work will include highlighting the key issues and outcomes of events held in New York and away from Headquarters during 2013, as well as the Committee's efforts to implement the relevant Security Council mandates and the Global Strategy.

18. The Administration and Information Office will continue to update the Committee's website and maintain it in all six official languages of the United Nations. The Executive Directorate will, as necessary, continue to update and distribute the Committee's press kits, in hard copy and electronic format, and continue to distribute copies of the technical guide to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), both in hard copy, in English, and electronically in all six official languages. The 2011 global surveys of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) will continue to be distributed in hard copy, in English, and subsequently in electronic format in all six official languages.

19. The Administration and Information Office will ensure that all documentation submitted to the Committee is accurate and consistent. It will also circulate documents through the "document tracker" located on the secure part of the website in order to promote the effective and timely distribution of information among Member States and in the Secretariat. User names and passwords will continue to be changed on a quarterly basis in order to protect the integrity of the information.

20. The Administration and Information Office will continue to administer the database and computer systems of the Executive Directorate, including the documents and records management system, which was upgraded at the end of 2012. In order to promote greater efficiency of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Office will remain ready to share the database with the Monitoring Team of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), the Expert Group of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), the Terrorism

Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the staff of the Task Force.

21. The Administration and Information Office will submit to the Controller the 2014 budget for the Executive Directorate, for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, and will also seek extrabudgetary funding through the recently established trust fund for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate in order to secure resources for activities approved by the Committee that require financial support outside the scope of the regular budget.